country, increasing production, and offering opportunities to all for employment in the service of the community."

The Commission takes into account fully disparities in levels of living and development between different section of the population and regions, in formulating plants for socio-economic development.

STATEMENT

The composition of the Planning Commission is as follows with effect from 31.7.96.

1.	Shri H.D. Deve Gowda, Prime Minister	Chairman
2.	Prof. Madhu Dandavate	Deputy Chairman
3.	Shri Chaturanan Mishra Minister of Agriculture	Member
4.	Shri P. Chidambaram Minister of Finance	Member
5.	Dr. Y.K. Alagh, Minister of State (Independent chage) of the Ministry of Planning & Programme Implementation	Member
6.	Dr. S.R. Hashim	Member
7.	Dr. J.S. Bajaj	Member
8.	Dr. M.R. Srinivasan	Member
9.	Dr. Arjun K. Sengupta	Member
10.	Dr. (Mrs.) Chitra Naik	Member
11.	Dr. G. Thimmaiah	Member
12.	Shri S.P. Shukla	Member
13.	Dr. Bimal Jalan	Member-Secretary

Simhadri/Krishnapatnam Power Projects

115. DR. M. JAGANNATH :
SHRI AYYANNA PATRUDU :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Union Government to get the Simhadri power project at Visakhapatnam and Krishnapatnam Thermal Power Station Scheme at Nellore District processed for inclusion under Overseas Economic Co-operation Fund funding;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to get these projects cleared for OECF financing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (c). Andhra Pradesh Government/Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board (APSEB) have requested assistance for several new power projects including Transmission Schemes for evacuation of power from Vizag, Simhadri and Krishnapatnam TPSs under OECF 1997-98 loan package. However, after discussions with APSEB and keeping in view the preparedness of the related generation projects, Ministry of Finance has been requested to pose the Integrated Transmission Scheme to evacuate power from Vizag and Simhadri TPSs at an estimated cost of Rs.809 crores to the Government of Japan/OECF. Simhadri Thermal Power Generation Project Stage I (2x500MW) of National Thermal Power Corporation in Andhra Pradesh has already been agreed to be funded by the Government of Japan under the 1996-97 OECF loan package.

Supply of Natural Gas

116. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) has identified certain areas in Delhi for supply of natural gas alternate cooking fuel;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the salient features of the project; and

(d) by when this gas distribution project is likely to become operative?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d). GAIL has proposed a project for the supply of natural gas through pipelines to around 2,31,000 domestic consumers besides commercial establishment in Delhi. A pilot project to supply gas to 1200 domestic consumers in Kaka Nagar, Bapa Nagar and Pandara Park areas along with 3 commercial consumers is scheduled to be completed by March, 1997.

Cryogenic Rocket Engine

117. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the first cryogenic rocket engine has been built and test fired successfully;

(b) if so, when and the details of the test results and main features of the engine; and

(c) the follow-up plans for its use in the spacecrafts development programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K.ALAGH) : (a) and (b). Yes Sir. As a part of the indigenous development, a subscale cryogenic pressure fed engine with a rated thrust of one tonne in vacuum has been developed and tested under sea level conditions successfully. A series